

SOLDIERS SPEND A GRIM XMAS ON ALSATIAN FRONT

Troops on Firing Line Engage in Incessant Bombardment While Citizens Observe Holiday.

PRAY FOR FRENCH VICTORY

Big Guns Boom Accompaniment to Midnight Mass in Cathedral 1000 Yards Behind the Firing Line—Troops Forget All About Meaning of Christmas Day.

(BY WILLIAM SIMMS.)
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, Dec. 27.—Under an abominable warm drizzle and thawing snow, except in the peaks and high passes, the oddest and most impressive Christmas that Alsace has ever known has come and gone. The world has witnessed few more dramatic Yuletides.

While soldiers forgot the birth of Jesus, grimly calculating the ranges for the incessant artillery firing and softly swearing over their misses, the happy Alsatian families a thousand yards in the rear of the battle line, dressed their Christmas trees, sang the old time carols and were happy over their return to France.

While enormous munition columns, heedless of Christmas, rolled across the Jura and Vosges mountains, crowds packed the cathedrals at the midnight mass, praying for new victories to come to the French armies. The great pipe organs trumpeted "La Deliverance" "le neel" while the guns at Hartmannswillerkopf boomed an accompaniment like the roar of distant surf.

On Christmas eve I watched a bombardment north of Altkirch. Through the range finder, the houses seemed only across the street. The public square was distinctly visible. It was deserted except for the passage of a few vehicles, or German soldiers scurrying to cover. Only at points were Germans visible. A young graduate of St. Cyr, now a veteran captain, smiled.

"You think man-killing on Christmas, anachronisms?"
"Well, Americans thought that perhaps an unofficial truce might be observed," I suggested.

"The French army is fighting to uphold Christmas. For all Kris Kringle represents, for the right to live without the mailed fist forever pointed over our heads, for the principle of good will between neighbors and the right to enjoy Santa Claus in our homes without danger."

Wheat Strikes New Sale Mark

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Wheat prices struck a new high mark when interior sales of bluestem and turkey red were made at \$1.05, it was reported, this being the basis of live-water delivery. Buying was confined to eastern business. Western prices were forced in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Dec. 27, \$1.25-1.27 1/4; May 1.29-1.26 7/8.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Club, 98-11.01; bluestem 1.00-1.03.

15,000 TON BRITISH SHIP IS SUNK BY A SUBMARINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The 15,000 ton British liner Arlanza, commanded at the outbreak of the war, was sunk off Archangel December 10, it was reported. The news was suppressed for fear neutral shippers would be alarmed. It is believed the ship struck a mine.

A new German machine cleans and sorts medical tablets, rejects broken ones, and packs them in tubes at a rate of from 150,000 to 200,000 a day.

Monroe Doctrine as Sacred Today as Ever Says Lansing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Monroe doctrine is as sacred a principle as when it first was proclaimed, declared Secretary Lansing before the Pan-American scientific congress today. A warm acceptance of the doctrine of Pan-Americanism featured the address of chairman Suarez. "The Monroe doctrine is the national policy of the United States," Lan-

Horse Has to be Killed Following an Auto Accident

TWO GIRLS AND ONE MAN ARE SLIGHTLY INJURED DURING COLLISION.

A valuable horse owned by O. J. Huey of the Telephone stables was so badly injured that it had to be killed, two girls were slightly injured by flying glass, and Charles Bowlsby was severely scratched about the face, while an automobile was almost wrecked, in an accident last evening at 6 o'clock opposite the partially finished Catholic church in East Court street.

The automobile, driven by Daphne Graybeal, collided with the man and horse when the young lady in the machine, blinded by the approaching headlight on another auto, failed to see the animal and its rider until it was too late. With Miss Graybeal was her sister. When the collision came, the head of the horse was driven through the wind-shield of the automobile and the animal was dragged for 20 feet before the machine was stopped. The left shoulder blade of the animal was broken.

The automobile is owned by Dave Graybeal and was badly damaged. The girls' injuries are not serious, while Bowlsby, although sustaining severe cuts about the face, was able to be about today. Bowlsby was riding horseback and was unable to get out of the way before the automobile was upon him.

PEEPERS SEE HER NIGHTIE

Four Window Gazers Testify in Illinois Divorce Case.

AURORA, Ill., Dec. 27.—Four men who said that they had heard the handsome Mrs. George Faxon, of Hinsdale, "would bear watching," peered into her home one night and saw her husband's half-brother, Addison Faxon, with her. She was in her nightgown, and four testified in the circuit court at Syracuse during the trial of a divorce suit brought against Mrs. Faxon by her husband. The witnesses, Joseph Crawford, Edwin Stever, H. W. Whitaker and M. Glantz, admitted that the husband's brother was fully dressed but said that his demeanor was most unusual.

Mrs. Faxon and the brother-in-law named with her took the stand and swore that "the testimony of the peepers was invention."
Faxon named F. S. Gibbs, a traveling salesman, as co-respondent, but in an opening statement his attorney brought in the name of Addison Faxon.

WOMAN SMOKES AT 103.

Ride on Train Never Experienced, Carmi, Ill., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Daisy Storey was 102 years old and celebrated the event with a quiet smoke. Mrs. Storey has never ridden on a railroad train nor has she ever worn a corset.

"JOHN DOE" IS ARRESTED.

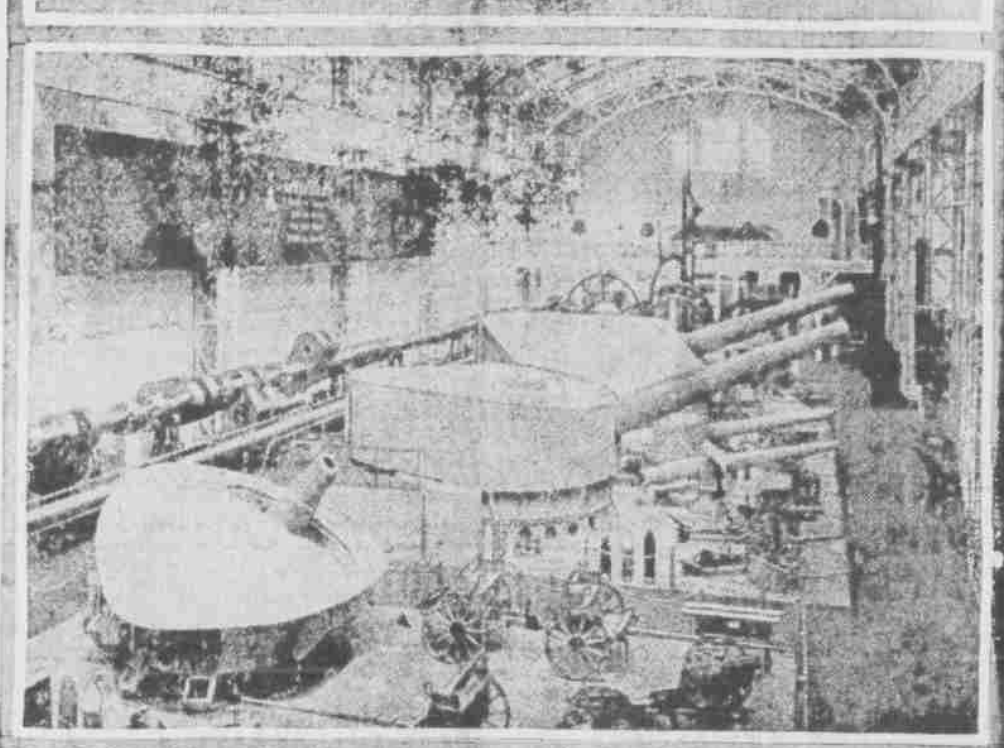
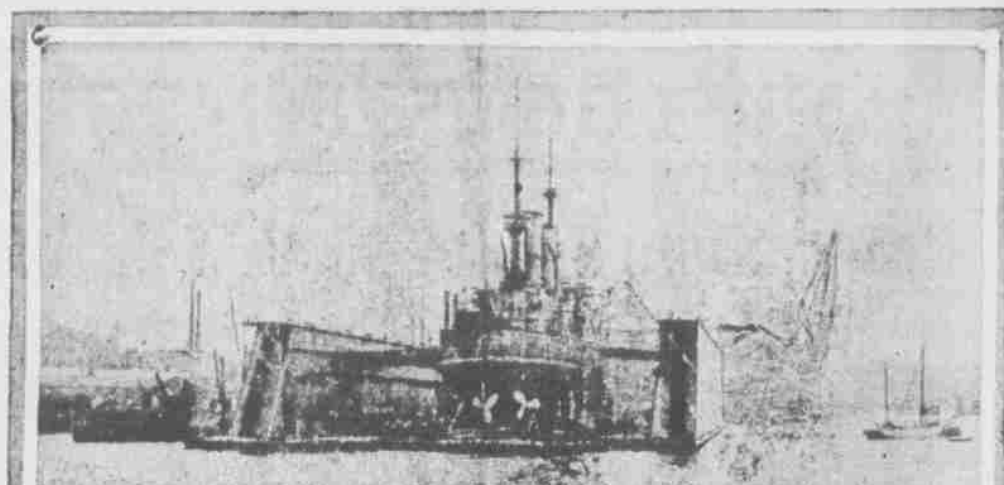
Sheriff Hurlbut said that he thought he would have sufficient evidence to reveal the identity of the man.
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—"John Doe" the holdup who was shot at Multnomah Station by J. D. Stewart, the operator there, and who lies in Good Samaritan hospital, was formally arrested on a warrant issued by the district attorney's office on a complaint sworn to by a special agent of the railway company.

It charges the unidentified patient with burglary in a dwelling. The process will not be served until the wounded man gets well enough to go to jail.

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Swedish Waters Entered.
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Captured in Swedish waters by two German torpedo boats the steamship Argo has been taken into a German port and the Swedish government has ordered an investigation with a view to protest to Berlin. The Argo carried Danish goods consigned to Russia.

Objective Points of Contemplated Allied Raid



DRY DOCK IN KIEL CANAL BELOW TURRET ROOM IN KRUPP FACTORY.

The famous Krupp gun works at Essen, Germany, and the Kiel canal are the objective points of a contemplated gigantic raid by the allies according to an official of the Curtis

LLOYD GEORGE MAY HEAD GOVERNMENT IF ASQUITH QUILTS

CRY IS RAISED IN ENGLAND FOR NEW CABINET—CONSCRIPTION COMING.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Using Lloyd George's slogan, "Too late," influential newspapers demanded a reorganization of the cabinet. Lloyd George probably will head the government if Asquith quits. Prompt decisive action in enforcing conscription can save Asquith, his colleagues hinted. Despite the optimistic reports, it was hinted Lord Derby's campaign was unsuccessful. Conscription advocates demanded that the issue be not adjourned. They do not favor submitting conscription to an election. Unless the issue is met tonight, conscription advocates expect to renew the fight on Asquith. The whole nation is stirred by the speech of Lloyd George Christmas, before the Glasgow union states. He frankly said a relaxation of union rules is necessary if England is to succeed.

REINS UPHOLD TRADITION.

Ancient Village of Sioux Snow Hunters Reveals Old History.
FARGO N. D., Dec. 27.—That the discovery recently of the ruins of a prehistoric Indian village in the vicinity of Beulah, N. D., by Dr. O. G. Laby of the North Dakota Historical society will necessitate the rewriting of a large part of the Indian history of North Dakota, is the opinion of Rev. M. C. Beadle, Standing Rock missionary and probably the greatest authority on Indian tradition and history in the state.

NEWS SUMMARY

General.
Chinese on coast ready to help revolution in their native land.
French soldiers spend grim Christmas in Alsace.

Local.
New council to caucus soon on appointments.

Horse killed by collision with automobile.
Christmas tree at home results in fire.

Appointments May Be Threshed out in Caucus This Week

MAYOR AND NEW CITY COUNCIL MAY GET TOGETHER TO MAKE CHOICES.

There is a probability that the new city council and mayor will meet some time during this week in caucus to thresh out the matter of the appointment of new city officers. It has been the established custom for such a caucus to be held just prior to the beginning of a new administration. The council will await the call of Mayor-elect Best and that call has not yet been issued. It is possible the caucus may be deferred until the first part of next week.

There are a number of positions to be filled by appointment, notable that of chief of police, city attorney, city recorder, city physician, city engineer and street commissioner. There is hardly a position that has not several aspirants and there is a great deal of speculation as to the result of the caucus.

The general opinion seems to prevail that T. R. Gurdane, chief of police under the administration of Mayors Fee and Murphy, will secure the berth again. It has been understood that he is the personal choice of the new mayor and, while the majority of the council are friendly to Alex Manning, the present incumbent, it is doubtful whether they will precipitate a fight over the office.

A good deal of interest has been aroused over the city attorneyship. The names of Alger Fee, W. M. Peterson, Roy Haley and Charles H. Carter, the present incumbent, are prominently mentioned. Mayor Best is said to favor one of the three first mentioned while different members of the council are inclined toward retaining Mr. Carter. The position is considered an important one during the next two years because of the many improvement liens that must be foreclosed.

The prevailing opinion seems to be that Thos. Fitz Gerald will continue as city recorder though Joe H. Parker, M. A. Peterson, J. E. Beam, John Haley, Jr., and F. E. Van Dusen have been known to entertain hopes of landing the job.

In all likelihood there will be a change in the office of city physician and City Engineer Kimbrell is said to be in danger of losing his position.

Including August, the grand total of cargo that has passed through the Panama canal is now more than 6,250 tons.

CAFES WILL NOT BE OPEN TO MERRYONES ON NEW YEARS EVE

NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO CATER TO WANTS DURING CELEBRATION.

Owing to the fact that the city ordinance requires that serving of liquor stop at 11 o'clock on New Year's eve, thus putting Pendleton in the dry column an hour before the prohibition law goes into effect, some of the cafes and eating houses where merriment generally roars forth on New Year's eve will not make an attempt to cater to celebrators.

The dining room of the Hotel Pendleton, where all tables were reserved for New Year's eve a year ago, will not be open during Friday evening after the regular dinner hour. The all-night eating house will of course remain open but they will not be permitted to sell liquor after 11 o'clock and according to the construction placed upon the law by the district attorney, may not serve liquor after that hour, although it might have been purchased before.

After a long investigation the United States bureau of standards has decided that the lightning rod, when properly installed, is a trustworthy means of protecting property.

TURKS HEAVILY DEFEATED BY BRITISH SAYS LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Turks have been heavily defeated in an attack on Kut-el-Amara. It was officially announced. Constantinople reported the Turks have been attempting to surround Kut-el-Amara, a British base, since the failure of the Baghdad expedition.

Albanians Are Starving.
ROME, Dec. 27.—At least 150,000 Albanians have starved to death in the last year and a similar fate awaits an equal number next year, said W. W. Howard, arriving after distributing 200 tons of flour among the sufferers.

Crops have been a failure for two years. More over, the normal population of one million has increased by 200,000 Serbian refugees and 200,000 Austrian prisoners.

GREEK STEAMER SAID TO SHIELD ENEMY'S DIVER

Italians Seize Vessel When Liner Port Said is Submerged According to Milan Report.

DESTROYER ANSWERS CALLS

Under-Sea Boat Escapes After Chase—American Consul Confirms Report That Japanese Vessel Was Submerged Without Warning—U. S. Plans a Protest.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Six passengers and one seaman perished when the Italian liner Port Said was submerged, Milan reported. An Italian destroyer answered the S. O. S. call and pursued the submarine, which dived and escaped. A Greek steamer standing by was seized. It is believed she shielded the submarine.

Report is Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—American Consul Bristow at Port Said called the state department, confirming the report the Yasaka Maru was torpedoed without warning. He said a periscope was seen afterward but the nationality of the diver is unknown.

Until the cruiser picked up the survivors of the Yasaka Maru, the attacking submarine followed them, apparently to see that no harm befell the passengers, a report said. The fact that the nationality of the submarine, supposedly Austrian or German, is unknown, makes further investigation necessary before this government can protest.

Christmas Tree is Enlivened By Fire in Closet

MRS. FLOTY WAS PLAYING SANTA CLAUS. COAT CATCHES FROM CANDLE.

Mrs. Floty, 611 Walnut street, was playing Santa Claus Saturday evening. She dressed in some of Mr. Floty's clothes. The Christmas tree was lighted with pretty candles and filled with toys.

Mrs. Floty hung the clothes up in a closet after the festivities and shortly afterwards, Mr. Floty detected the odor of smoke. He made a search but discovered nothing. Tired, but happy, their child had been put to bed. The parents were about to retire when again the strong odor of smoke was detected. Mr. Floty opened the closet and there discovered the fire. Evidently a piece of the clothing which his wife had worn while playing Santa had caught, and, still smoldering, had been put away. The whole interior of the closet was in flames. Mr. Dennis, a neighbor, heard the Flotys yell and he ran out and turned in an alarm from box 25. The fire department had the flames under control five minutes after they arrived.

STATE BLAMED FOR BIRD.

Woman Wants Pay for Window of Home Broken by Chicken.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 27.—The state is responsible for the same it protects by law, is the contention of Mrs. John Teis, of Seneca, who has sent a bill for \$4 to the state auditor for damages when a braire chicken flew through her parlor window, smashing the glass.

HAND GRENADE ORDER BIG

French Place Contract for Hundred Million in America.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Contracts for 100,000 hand grenades for the French government, it was announced here, were placed with a syndicate of eastern Pennsylvania iron founders. The price was not announced.

Million Dollar Pier Damaged.
OCEAN PARK, Cal., Dec. 27.—One hundred thousand dollars damage was done to the million dollar Fraser pier by fire. Los Angeles engine controlled the flames before they spread to waterfront buildings. It is believed the blaze originated in a check room at the Ocean Park Dance Hall.

British Vessel Sunk.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Hadley was submerged. The crew was rescued.

Reuben Beckwith, who spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Beckwith, returned yesterday to Seattle where he is playing at a motion picture theater and taking music lessons.

CHINESE ON THE COAST MAY AID IN REVOLUTION

Entire Northwest Celestial Population is Stirred Over Assassination in San Francisco.

THOUSANDS WOULD ENLIST

Police Believe That Monarchists Carried Out Murder—Every Crew is Being Run Down in Effort to Unravel Mystery Surrounding Slaying of Chinese.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Chinese of the entire northwest are stirred over the assassination in San Francisco of Wong Yuen Yung, cousin of Yuan Shi Kai. Two thousand Portland Chinese and an equal number of Seattle Chinese declared they are ready to enlist their services to support the republic and overthrow the emperor.

Editor Young of a China newspaper, revealed that Wong had written a confidential letter saying he had broken with the emperor because he disagreed with his monarchistic ambitions. Chinese held that Wong was a powerful figure in China and if he participated against the emperor it would be an advantage if the monarchists eliminate him. A dispatch declared that Li Yuan Hsing, vice president, was imprisoned because he rejected Yuan's offer of the title of prince.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The police are trailing every possible crew. It is believed Wong was slain by monarchists because he recently deserted the emperor's cause. In the meantime affairs in China are wavering on the brink of a revolution, advice indicate. Three provinces, supposedly Yuan's bulwark of strength, containing many troops, are reported wavering. Chinese, questioned closely, shrugged their shoulders and said "No sabbee talk."

King Peter in Italy.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—King Peter of Serbia has been landed by a warship in Italy. He plans to go to Rome, then to a villa which King Emmanuel has provided for him. He possibly later may make a trip to Saloniki to confer with the Serbian war minister.

Bees Are Mansion's "Ghost."

YORK, Pa., Dec. 27.—A ghostly buzzing in the walls of the old St. I. Mansion home at Muddy Creek Forks, heard many times in 15 years, was explained when the weatherboarding was torn off. A hive of bees has occupied the space.

WOMAN AND TWO CHILDREN DROWN WHEN SHIP IS SUNK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Seventy-nine persons were drowned including a woman passenger and two children and a stewardess, when the French steamer Ville de La Ciotat was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean Friday, according to official dispatches from the Malta consul. The nationality of the attacking submarine is unknown. No Americans were aboard.

CROW KILLED; \$1 IN REAR

Sportsman Finds Bird Fast by Dead Bird in California.

CHICO, Cal., Dec. 27.—The crow has long been notorious for its sly, sly, sly tendencies and known to steal almost anything, without regard to its value, but from the construction camp of the Chico Construction company, near Shippens, south of this city, comes a story of a crow that was so discriminating enough to steal something of value.

John Schouler, foreman for the company, went hunting. He fired this flock of crows, killing one. When Schouler picked up the bird he found tightly clasped in its beak a \$1 bill.

The oldest prelate judge in the country is Judge Nathaniel Thibault of York county, Maine, who is 91 years old.

FORD IS REPORTED TO HAVE DIED ENROUTE

DETROIT, Dec. 27.—Neither Mrs. Ford nor automobile officials had information concerning the rumor that Ford had died enroute to America. The last message filed shortly after he quit the peace party, stated his physical condition was good.